

Legal Services Corporation

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person who is not employed by the recipient in a manner that permits identification of the client, without express written consent of the client, except that the recipient shall provide such information to the Corporation when:

(1) The Corporation is investigating allegations that question the financial eligibility of a previously identified client and the recipient's representation thereof;

(2) The information sought by the Corporation relates solely to the financial eligibility of that particular client;

(3) The information sought by the Corporation is necessary to confirm or deny specific allegations relating to that particular client's financial eligibility and the recipient's representation thereof; and

(4) The specific information sought by the Corporation is not protected by the attorney-client privilege.

The information provided to the Corporation by the recipient shall not be disclosed to any person who is not employed by the Corporation. Prior to providing the information to the Corporation, the recipient shall notify the client that the recipient is required to provide to the Corporation the information sought.

§ 1611.8 Retainer agreement.

(a) A recipient shall execute a written retainer agreement, in a form approved by the Corporation, with each client who receives legal services from the recipient. The retainer agreement shall be executed when representation commences (or, if not possible owing to an emergency situation, as soon thereafter as is practicable), and shall clearly identify the relationship between the client and the recipient, the matter in which representation is sought, the nature of the legal services to be provided, and the rights and responsibilities

of the client. The recipient shall retain the executed retainer agreement as part of the client's file, and shall make the agreement available for review by the Corporation in a manner which protects the identity of the client.

(b) A recipient is not required to execute a written retainer agreement when the only service to be provided is brief advice and consultation.

§ 1611.9 Change in circumstances.

If an eligible client becomes ineligible through a change in circumstances, a recipient shall discontinue representation if the change in circumstances is sufficiently likely to continue for the client to afford private legal assistance, and discontinuation is not inconsistent with the attorney's professional responsibilities.

APPENDIX A OF PART 1611—LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION 1996 POVERTY GUIDELINES*

Size of family unit	All States but Alaska and Hawaii ¹	Alaska ²	Hawaii ³
1	\$9,675	\$12,075	\$11,138
2	12,950	16,175	14,900
3	16,225	20,275	18,663
4	19,500	24,375	22,425
5	22,775	28,475	26,188
6	26,050	32,575	29,950
7	29,325	36,675	33,713
8	32,600	40,775	37,475

¹For family units with more than eight members, add \$3,275 for each additional member in a family.

²For family units with more than eight members, add \$4,100 for each additional member in a family.

³For family units with more than eight members, add \$3,763 for each additional member in a family.

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*The figures in this table represent 125% of the poverty guidelines by family size as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.